

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claim status

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application.

35 USC 112, rejection

Claim 5 is rewritten in independent form to clarify that claims 5 and 9 are directed to the statutory category of "method".

Claim 7 is amended to insert "request" on line 6, between "generates a" and "for a file" to clarify this sentence. Such amendment also provides antecedent basis for "the request" on line 8. Claim 7 is further amended to provide antecedent basis for "requested file" on line 8.

The above changes are believed sufficient to address the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection and withdrawal of the same is respectfully requested.

35 USC 102 rejection

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by BAHAR US 7,019,670. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

BAHAR discloses a parking meter 26 comprising a data receiving element 28 capable of receiving data (e.g. user data) from a user, through wired/or wireless technology such as radiofrequency or infrared data (see col. 7, line 62 to col. 8, line 5), and a data transceiver 33 which transmits and/or receives data to and from parking meter 26, in particular with central computer station (see col. 8, lines 65 to col. 9, line 10).

The parking meter collects the user's data with data pertaining to the parking violation and generates a citation which is transmitted to the central computer station (see col. 3, lines 22 to 28).

BAHAR therefore describes the use of two data transmissions:

- a first data transmission from the user to the parking meter, and

- a second data transmission from the parking meter to the central computer station, the user's data being processed between the two data transmissions.

However, BAHAR does not disclose or suggest the following feature of claim 1 of the pending patent application:

- "a communication router adapted to receive information from the remote terminal via said communication channel and to route that information to the remote server via the communication network, and receive information from the remote server via the communication network and to route that information to the remote terminal via the communication channel".

More precisely, a communication router as recited in claim 1 is a well known device that is readily understood by one of ordinary skill in the art and is not disclosed by BAHAR.

By way of example, Wikipedia illustrates that a communication router operates at the Network Layer (layer 3) of the OSI model. Thus, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that a communication router therefore includes a "device that determines the next network point

to which to forward a data packet toward its destination, a process known as routing".

From Wikipedia, one of ordinary skill in the art would further understand that "A router must be connected to at least two networks".

As recited in claim 1, the communication router is connected, first, to the communication channel and, second, to the communication network. Thus, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the claimed communication router is consistent with the accepted and reasonable meaning of a "communication router" as described in Wikipedia.

One of ordinary skill in the art would further understand that a router is **not** the recipient of the message it routes.

Therefore, the parking meter disclosed in BAHAR does not operate as a communication router and thus, one of ordinary skill in the art would not equate the parking meter of BAHAR with a communication router for the following reasons.

First, the recipient of the first message (from the user device) is the parking meter (see column 4, lines 64 and 65), not the central computer station.

Second, the user data is processed in the parking meter, meaning that the parking meter operates at the Application Layer (layer seven) of the OSI model.

For these reasons, BAHAR does not disclose a parking meter comprising a communication router adapted to receive information from the remote terminal via said communication channel and to route that information to the remote server via the communication network, and receive information from the remote server via the communication network and to route that information to the remote terminal via the communication channel as required to meet claim 1.

Moreover, since the recipient of the first message (sent by the user device) is the parking meter, and since the sender of the second message (received by the central computer station) is the parking meter, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that there is no need to include a communication router in the parking meter of BAHAR. Thus, one of ordinary skill in the art would not understand BAHAR to include a communication router.

Further, because the above-noted operation of the parking meter of BAHAR does not require a router, one of ordinary skill in the art might consider that BAHAR not

only fails to disclose this feature, but also even teaches away from any routing between the user device and the central computer station.

Accordingly, claim 1 and the claims that depend therefrom are believed to be patentable over BAHAR.

Claim 5 is rewritten in independent form and includes all the features of claim 1. For the reasons set forth above regarding claim 1, claim 5 and claim 9, which depends therefrom, are believed to be patentable over BAHAR.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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